

Associated Residential Community Housing (ARCH) Advisory Committee | MINUTES

Meeting date | time 10/13/2017 10:00 AM

Meeting location: Boardroom, Sixth College

Type of meeting:	ARCH Advisory Committee	Attendees:	
Co-Chairs:	Cory Stevenson Mark Cunningham		Robert Frazier Malia Mahi Ramona Ferreira Jana Severson Cory Stevenson Kim Ciero (+ proxy Mary Beth) Mayra Estrada Rosie Jimenez-Negrete Zihan Xu Tatiana Zavodny Anindita Bhattacharya Osinachi Ajoku (+ proxy Sophia) Ian Hamilton (guest, not appointed) Mark Derdzinski (GSA president) Burgundy Fletcher (guest) Sofia Guadarama (guest) Sameem Saviki (guest)
Note taker:	Leticia Ruelas		

AGENDA

Meeting begun at 10:12 AM

Moved into closed session.

Appeal # 1130

- Put on the table by Chair
 - Appeal decision: Denied
 - Votes: 0 approve – 7 deny – 1 abstain

Appeal # 1142

- Put on the table by Chair
 - Appeal decision: Approved
 - Votes: 8 approve – 0 deny – 0 abstain

Appeal # 1143

- Put on the table by Chair
 - Appeal decision: Approved
 - Votes: 4 approve – 3 deny – 1 abstain
 - Cory voted to approve. Total: 5 approved.

Moves out of closed session

North Mesa:

Guest members introduce themselves.

Jana thanked guest residents and explained the proposal plan for relocated residents.

- Applies to all residents who have relocated or are relocating to other ARCH communities as a result of all three construction projects.
- Residents relocated/ing to other ARCH communities will maintain their current North Mesa base rate through the fiscal year 2017-18. After, they will be subject to only the rate increase portion of the community they live in at the time of the increase.
- Eligibility remains the same.
- Any truly unique cases will be addressed through individual conversation with resident impacted.
- Housing will continue to offer moving services.

Tatiana brought up two questions for members to think about while discussing the topic:

1. Do we have numbers of those who have moved off campus?
2. What about those who ask for an extension? Will they keep the same rate?

Tatiana leaves and proxies to Anindita.

- Cory asked how North Mesa residents who moved out of North Mesa 4 years ago would be compensated.
 - Jana responded they would be given a rent credit.
- Bob asked if Mark has been aware of the proposal.
 - Jana confirmed Mark has approved the proposal.
- Zihan recommended increasing the rental rate to the rates of the community they moved to. Prefers the rates remain the same for all the residents.
 - Jana explained that specific recommendation did not meet the commitment housing made to the North Mesa residents.
 - Cory stated rates for 2018-2019 were not yet
 - Jana explained they have also done by dollar amounts.
 - Ramona explained last year was the first year Coast had a different rate as they try to get as close to the 3%.
 - Cory stated North Mesa is partly less expensive because rates have been kept lower during multiple budget increases.
 - Ramona explained North Mesa is less expensive because of the size and the age.
- Mayra stated the proposal is to keep the base rate as North Mesa and brought the discussion back to the proposed agreement.
- Anindita expressed her concern for those on the waitlist as they have to wait until North Mesa residents get relocated.

- Bob expressed they needed to address the proposal that was brought to the committee and was approved by Mark in support to what Mayra was discussing. He also expressed there are too many variable to try to look into the future.
- Jana stated this phase of construction has 144 residents that will benefit from the proposal.
 - Cory asked about the other phases.
 - Ramona explained North Mesa residents (4 years ago) were accommodated in North Mesa and West Mesa residents were accommodated in Central or South Mesa. Residents were moved to their preferences.
- Cory asked about those who moved to new units. Example: North Mesa to Mesa Nueva, or those who went from 2 bedrooms to 3 bedrooms.
- Zihan explained she had a friend who moved early on to OMS to avoid moving in a later time in her pregnancy, but would also need this assistance from the proposal.
 - Jana confirmed it would apply to them.
 - Bob explained it would apply to those affected by those relocating due to construction projects.
- Mayra expressed her support for the proposal that HDH put on the table. She feels the proposal should only be to the current residents, not those who moved out.
 - Burgundy asked the proposal cover all students to keep it equal, including those who moved out. She explained they are representing all of the North Mesa residents.
- Ramona re-explained that the residents that are left in North Mesa don't have a place to go with the same rental rate.
- Jana explained it would apply to all of the residents who moved within the ARCH communities.
 - Burgundy asked about the residents who moved off campus and provided an example of a friend.
 - Jana re-stated the current proposal is to those who are currently living with ARCH.
 - Mayra stated the priority is to assist the residents of ARCH.
 - Burgundy feels it should include all residents, including those who moved out for a total of about 180.
 - Rosie responded she understand her overall point. However, in fairness to the residents the focus of the proposal should be for the residents that are still living with ARCH.
 - Malia explained that at specific moment all residents had a choice to relocate to another community. Those residents who moved out had a choice. She also explained she didn't know if administratively they could offer the proposal to those that moved out.
 - Saeem felt residents like himself made a choice under pressure. He stated he panicked and made a choice to move in fear of losing his housing. He feels the people who moved off campus should be considered.
 - Bob suggested considering solving the problem to get current resident into a good place. He explained including those who have moved out involves a great deal of unknowns, unknowns that won't allow the proposal to move forward. He explained they can look at a different offer for those who moved out.

Cory confirmed the following:

1. Who gets applied this policy?
 - a. Anyone who moved out after notice had been given about construction.
 - i. All committee members agreed. No objections.
 - b. Only applies only to those that are in HDH housing
 - i. All committee members agreed. No objections.
2. What is the base rate?
 - a. North Mesa base rate, rate will be subjected to the community they are living in once rent increases.
 - i. All committee members agreed. No objections.
3. How rates get applied?
 - a. Jana proposed they can agree that whatever increase (percentage, fix rate or etc) decided during each budget development will apply to those living there.
 - i. All committee members agreed. No objections.

Cory asked if anyone in the committee thought the relocation should be like to like. For example 1 bedroom to 1 bedroom.

- Sameem agrees it's an important issue to think about. That way residents don't choose a more expensive room to keep a lower rate.

Cory asked about those who moved from a more expensive unit to a lower expensive unit?

- Jana explained any truly unique cases will be addressed through individual conversation with resident impacted.
- Bob expressed out of respect to the group, HDH, and the families that affects the committee should come to an agreement.

By unanimous consent, ARCHAC supports the proposal for North Mesa residents.

Jana will be reaching out to those that attended the North Mesa Community meeting.

Meeting adjourned around 11:35 AM. Next meeting will be on Friday 10/20/17 at 10 AM at the Barrett room.